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TAGS: PORG, MILI, AO, SF

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1. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH USUN VIEW (REFTEL) THAT ATTACHE SHOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN FURTHER MILITARY BRIEFING BY SAG MINISTRY OF DEFENSE ON RAID IN ANGOLA. USUN SHOULD SEEK TO OBTAIN CONTACT GROUP CONSENSUS ON THIS POINT.

2. AS FAR AS DISCUSSIONS ON POLITICAL LEVEL BETWEEN SAG FOREIGN MINISTRY AND REPRESENTATIVES OF CAPE TOWN FIVE, EMBASSY SHOULD DECLINE TO PARTICIPATE IN BRIEFINGS ON ANGOLAN RAID IN ORDER TO AVOID WHAT COULD BE SAG EFFORT TO IMPLY OUR COMPLICITY IN THAT OPERATION BY GIVING US DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EVENTS. USUN SHOULD SEEK CONTACT GROUP AGREEMENT ON THIS POSITION. USUN SHOULD ALSO SEEK  
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AGREEMENT OF CONTACT GROUP ON TALKING POINTS WHICH CAN BE USED WITH SAG TO EXPRESS OUR VIEW OF IMPLICATIONS OF RAID INTO ANGOLA AND EXPLAIN POSITION WHICH WESTERN FIVE WILL TAKE DURING UN SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE, INCLUDING ANY RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

3. IF EMBASSY CAPE TOWN IS INVITED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY

FOR MEETING, PURPOSE OF WHICH IS NOT STATED, YOU ARE NOT OBLIGED TO DECLINE INVITATION IF YOU BELIEVE THIS WOULD COMPLICATE ONGOING RELATIONS WITH SAG. HOWEVER, IF IT IS CLEAR THAT BRIEFING IS TO BE ON PARTICULARS OF ANGOLAN RAID, YOU SHOULD DECLINE TO PARTICIPATE AND EXPLAIN THAT THIS IS ON INSTRUCTIONS OF DEPARTMENT. EMBASSY'S PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SAG OF POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF ANGOLAN PROBLEM, AS DISTINCT FROM BRIEFING ON MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS, IS, OF COURSE, PERFECTLY ACCEPTABLE. CHRISTOPHER

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